

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)
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of the Educator Certificate of)
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Nadine Reeder Edney,)
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Certificate 182773)

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 8, 2006. On November 18, 2005, the State Department of Education (Department) had hand-delivered to Nadine Reeder Edney a notice of her right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate. Ms. Edney signed a Verification of Delivery acknowledging that she did receive the notice letter. On December 5, 2005, the Department received a request from Ms Edney to enter into a payment plan. The Department agreed to allow Ms. Edney to enter a payment plan, but she failed to comply with the terms of the agreement. After considering the information presented, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Edney's certificate until she repays her outstanding loan with the State of South Carolina obtained through the Center for Teacher Education, Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA).

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Edney holds a valid certificate and has over eight years of teaching experience. On August 24, 2002, Ms. Edney signed a promissory note with the State of South Carolina to obtain a loan of \$2300 to pay for the costs of applying for certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). One of the terms of that agreement was that Ms. Edney agreed to repay the \$2300 if she did not properly withdraw from the NBPTS process, nor submit the required portfolio to NBPTS, within the specified time frames. Ms. Edney did neither and has not repaid the \$2300. CERRA and the State Department of Education sent several letters to Ms. Edney

informing her that the \$2300 was now due and of the consequences for failing to repay the amount due. After receiving notice of the possible suspension of her educator certificate, Ms. Edney entered into a repayment plan with the Department on January 30, 2006. Ms. Edney failed to submit the first payment, however, which was due on February 8, 2006.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Board may suspend the certificate of any person for unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §§ 59-25-150 and 160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is sufficient evidence supporting its decision to suspend Ms. Edney's certificate 182773 from the date of this Order until she has satisfied her financial obligation in the amount of \$2300 to the State of South Carolina, as established in the loan agreement referenced above. Upon payment of the \$2,300.00, if Ms. Edney wishes to have her certificate reinstated, she may make a written request for reinstatement to the Office of Educator Certification of the Department of Education.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

March 8, 2006